# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4051
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ANTYODAYA YOJANA
SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra have requested the Union Government toreduce the price of sugar supplied to the families covered under Antyodaya Yojana and to families below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have considered and agreed the request of the State Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether similar requests have been received from other States as well; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( S SREENIVASA PRASAD )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d): The Government of Maharashtra requested the Central Government to revise the retail issue price of levy sugar being distributed through Public Distribution System (PDS)from Rs.13.25 per kg to Rs.5.00 per kg for families covered under Antyodaya Yojana and Rs.10.00 per kg for families Below Poverty Line.The State Government has been informed, interalia, that it would not be possible for the Central Government to accede to the request of the Government of Maharashtra as it would increase the burden of subsidy on the public exchequer.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.